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LATINOS IN IOWA: 2015

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In 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month-long celebration (Sept. 15-Oct. 15). During this month, the United States celebrates the culture and traditions of U.S. residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

173,594

The estimated Latino population of Iowa as of July 1, 2014, making people of Latino origin the state's largest race or ethnic minority. Latinos constitute 5.6 percent of the state's total population

110.5%

The percent change in the Latino population from 2000 to 2014. This is an 91,121 increase for the period.

450,321

The projected Latino population of Iowa as of July 1, 2050. According to the 2014 Woods & Poole Economics Inc., Latinos will constitute 13.0 percent of the state's total population on that date.

Families and Children

33,047

The number of Latino families in 2014 who reside in Iowa.

3,402

The number of Latino grandparents in 2014 living with their own grandchildren. 57.7% of those are responsible for the own grandchildren under 18 years of age. This compares to 28.6% for the U.S..

12.1%

Percentage of Latino population under age 5 as of July 1, 2014. Latinos have a higher concentration of preschoolers among the population than any other race or ethnic group.



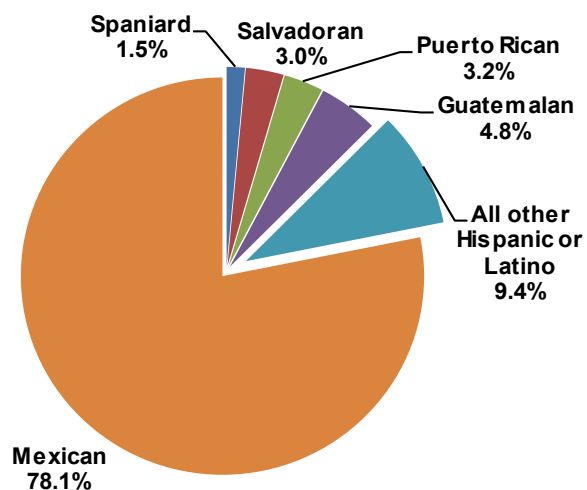
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The median age of Iowa's Latino population in 2014. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.1.

3.92

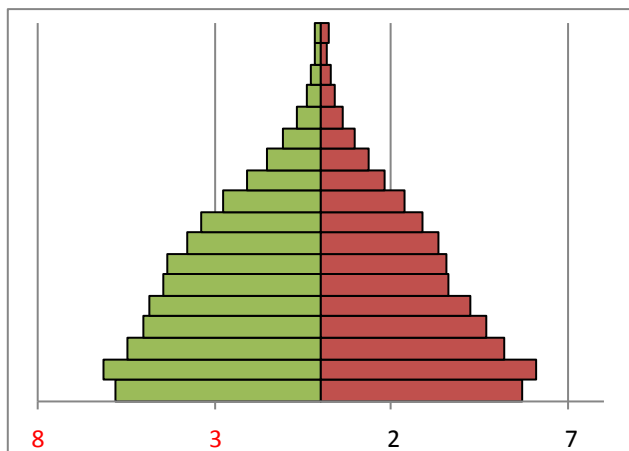
The average family size for the Iowa Latino population in 2010. The average family size in the state of Iowa is 2.97.

Hispanic or Latino Groups in Iowa: 2014

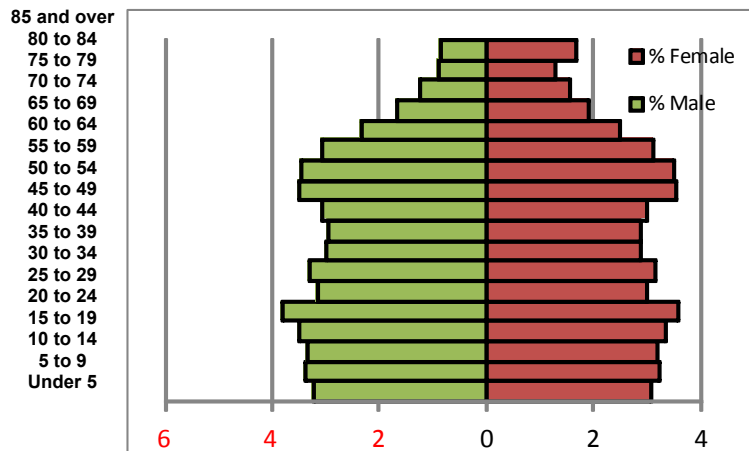


Age Distribution

Iowa Latino Population by Sex and Age: 2014



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Language

110,361

The number of Iowa residents age 5 and older in 2014 who speak Spanish at home. Among those who speak Spanish at home, 58.3 percent say they speak English "very well."

18,719

The number of Spanish speaking English Language Learners in Iowa's public schools during the 2014-2015 school year. This represents a 202.6 percent increase from the 1999-2000 school year.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

Serving Our Nation

3,302

The number of Iowa Latino veterans of the U.S. armed forces in 2014.

Education

52,949

The number Latinos enrolled in the state's elementary and high schools during the 2014-2015 school year.

235.6%

Percent increase in Latino enrollment between the 1999-2000 school year and 2014-2015.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

59.9%

The percentage of Iowa Latinos age 25 and over, who had at least a high school education in 2014. In Iowa the percentage of total population with at least a high school education was 92.1%

12.9%

The percentage of Iowa Latinos age 25 and over, with a bachelor's degree or

higher in 2014. In Iowa the percentage of total population with a bachelor's degree or higher was 27.7%.

3,402

Number of Iowa Latinos 25 years and older with a graduate degree in 2014.

Occupation

30.5%

The percent in 2014 of Iowa Latinos in the production, transportation, and material moving occupations.

15,620

The number of Iowa Latinos in production occupations in 2014. Latinos are represented in a wide variety of occupations. For instance, there are about 6,995 Office and administrative support occupations; 2,582 in education, training, and library occupations; 4,387 in management, business, and financial occupations; and 1,667 in computer, engineering, and science occupations.



Income and poverty

\$42,447

The median income of Latino households in 2014. The median household income for the state was \$53,712.

21.3%

The poverty rate for the Latino population in 2014. The corresponding rate for Iowa is 12.2 percent.

\$14,413

The per capita income of Latinos in 2014. The per capita income for the state was \$28,889.

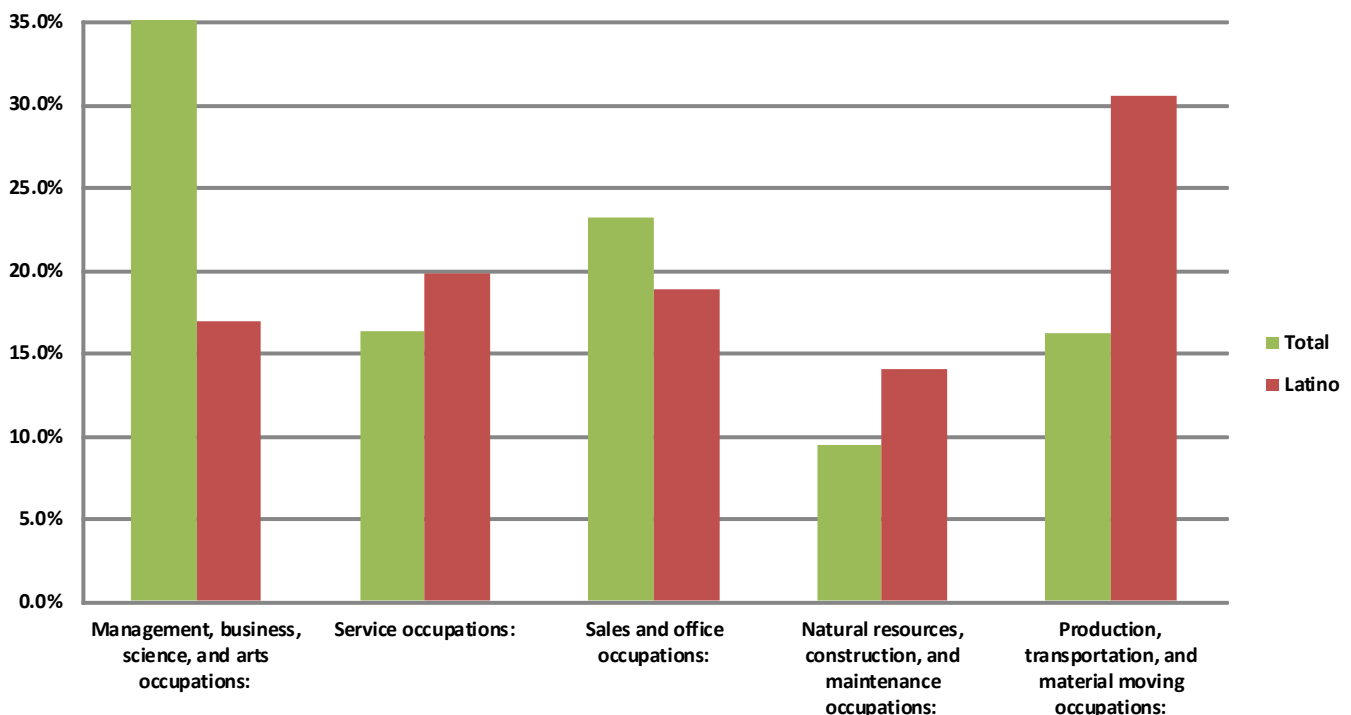
15.9%

The percent of Iowa Latino population with no health insurance coverage in 2014. The corresponding rate for all Iowa is 6.2 percent.

\$45,916

The median income of Latino families in 2014. The median family income for the state was \$67,771.

Employment by Occupation: 2014
(Percent of Population)



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U.S. Census Bureau,
American Community
Survey, 2014 1-year period
estimates

U.S. Decennial Census 2000
Photos by U.S. Census

Hispanic or Latino includes people
of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican,
South or Central American, or other
Spanish culture or origin, regardless
of race.

Source: Federal Register Notice
(10/30/97, Vol. 62, No. 210)
Revisions to the Standards for the
Classification of Federal Data on
Race and Ethnicity.

Coming to America

37.0%

Percentage in 2014 of Iowa's
foreign-born population from
Latin America. This amounts
to 56,732 people.

32.0%

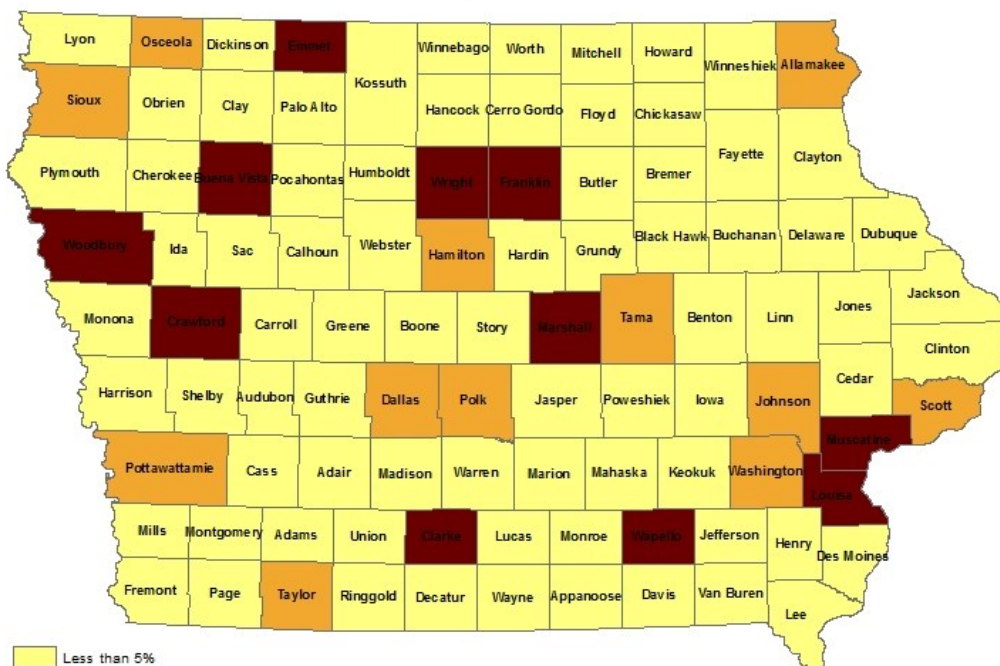
The percent of Iowa Latinos
in 2014 who are foreign-
born.

41,224

The number of foreign-born
Iowans in 2014 who were
born in Mexico, by far more
than any other Latin
American country or any
other country in the world.
Other Latin American areas
of origin with a large foreign-
born population are El
Salvador (3,647), Guatemala
(4,887), Panama (625),
Ecuador (714), Columbia
(665), Brazil (759), and
Venezuela (656).



Latinos as a Percent of Total Population in Iowa's Counties: 2014



Less than 5%
5.0% - 9.9%
10.0% or more

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division
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Iowa Counties

36,994

The number of Latinos in Polk
County in 2014, making it largest
population of Latinos in any
county at 21.3% of the state-wide
population.

27.3%

The percent of total population in
Crawford County who are Latino
in 2014. Other Iowa counties with
a high percentage of Latinos are

Buena Vista (24.8%),
Marshall (19.9%),
Muscatine (17.2%). Louisa
(16.2%).

53.8%

Over half of the total 2014
Latino population live in
Polk, Woodbury, Scott, ,
Marshall, Johnson,
Muscatine, and
Pottawattamie.

52.7%

Over half of the growth in
Iowa's Latino population
from 2000-2014 occurred in
seven counties: Polk,
Woodbury, Johnson,
Marshall, Scott,
Pottawattamie, Linn, and
Crawford. The Latino
population in Ringgold
increased by 669.2%
between 2000 and 2014.